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Applicants

Cozean et al.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 14, 2003, Applicant elects with traverse to proceed with examination of Group IV, which was identified by the Examiner as comprising Claims 37-41. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the non-elected claims in one or more continuing applications.

In view of this election, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner exam all pending claims on the merits. If any matters should remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted.

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